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Re the Application of:

STEFAN BLOMGREN

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For: ROBOT UNIT

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 30, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Species A, Figures 1-4 for initial examination in the present application. Claims 1-3 and 5-9 read on the elected species and claims 1, 2 and 5-7 are generic to all of the species outlined in the Office Action.

However, Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement generally, but specifically with regards Species B (Figures 6-7) and Species G (Figure 5). The only difference shown in the embodiment of Figures 6 and 7 is that the intermediate table is moveable, whereas all other features are the same. Also, Figure 5 merely shows sequential stages of the robot shown in Figure 1.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the alleged "species" are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for elected Species A would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the non-elected species, and at the very least Species B and Species G. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the election requirement be withdrawn and that all species claimed herein be examined.

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